



## The Governor's Golden Guardian Exercise

The annual Governor's Golden Guardian Statewide Exercise Series was first implemented by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004 and is managed by the California Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of Golden Guardian is to enhance the emergency management readiness of regional and state responders, including private sector and volunteer organizations. The goal is to build upon the lessons learned to improve California's prevention, response and recovery with all hazards, both manmade and naturally occurring. The exercise provides the opportunity for first responders to respond to catastrophic events and allows for the coordination of mutual aid from a regional and state level. Golden Guardian is currently the largest statewide exercise program of its kind in the country.

Golden Guardian 2010, occurring mid-May, will focus on port security throughout California. It has been developed through a collaborative process with the goal of exercising emergency response in a terrorist threat in all three of California's geographical regions: Coastal, Inland and Southern. Participants include multiple layers of responders utilizing regional, state and federal resources.

### Upcoming Exercises

#### GG 2010

Port Terrorism (Statewide)

#### GG 2011

Catastrophic Flood (Central Valley)

#### GG 2012

Catastrophic Earthquake (Southern California)

#### GG 2013

Catastrophic Earthquake (Bay Area)

### Previous Exercises

#### GG 2008

7.8 magnitude earthquake scenario along a southern stretch of the San Andreas Fault.

At the local and regional level, first responders and emergency managers practiced their skills to rescue, triage, treat and transport injured, conducted assessments of infrastructure damages and coordinated mutual aid. State agency leaders, FEMA and other Federal agencies, along with US Northern Command supported emergency functions and conducted Unified Coordination Group activities.

#### GG 2007

Multiple, simultaneous terrorist attacks across California's three geographical regions. More than 6,800 participants from local, state and federal agencies involved in scenario that involved a terrorist improvised explosive device (IED), the dispersal of Anthrax and a biological attack at the HP Pavilion arena in San Jose.

#### GG 2006

Catastrophic terrorist and natural disasters including a 7.9 magnitude earthquake in Coastal Region, modeled on the earthquake of 1906. Inland Region acted as receiving area for evacuation under coordination of State Emergency Operations Center.